



THE TROUTDALE CHAMPION

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Listed below, and on Page 4, are the main events of the annual Spring Cleanup. Our March/April edition included full details on all events, plus year-round recycling opportunities. To access the original flyer, either go to the home page at www.troutdaleoregon.gov, pick up a flyer at City Hall, or call 503-665-5175, and we'll mail you one! Don't miss this once-a-year event!

For Troutdale Residents Only *



Bulky Waste Event

When: Saturday, May 6, prior to 6 a.m.

Where: At YOUR curb

What to know: Instead of hauling your bulky waste to another location, you can simply set out a variety of bulky items at the curb for FREE pick-up as part of our Spring Cleanup event! Place the items at the curb by 6 a.m. on Saturday, May 6 to be eligible for free pick-up. The volume placed at the curb should be roughly equivalent to five garbage cans or less.

Accepted bulky items include: Bicycles, mattresses, BBQs, appliances, carpet, scrap metal, tires, plumbing fixtures, windows, furniture, lawn mowers.

Not accepted at the curb: Paint, hazardous materials, liquids, propane tanks, car batteries, dirt, sod and stumps, rock, concrete, industrial and commercial waste, household garbage and E-waste (computers, TVs, printers, etc.) (More events on Page 4)

* If you do not pay your water bill to Troutdale, you are not eligible to take part in the Bulky Waste or other Spring Cleanup events. Call Troutdale City Hall at 503-665-5175 to confirm your residency.

Troutdale Hires Ray Young

Ray Young was appointed to the position of City Manager by the City Council on March 14th following a recruitment process that began in the fall of 2016. Ray had been serving as Interim City Manager after the retirement of Craig Ward on December 31, 2016.

While Ray may be new to this position, he is certainly not new to our community, having served as the Troutdale Municipal Court Judge since 1990. He has also been Administrator and Associate Pastor



for East Hill Church in Gresham, Municipal Court Judge for the City of Fairview, and he practiced private law for 20 years in Oregon.

Ray has lived in East Multnomah County and Clackamas County all his life, and currently resides in Damascus. He is happily married to his wife Lauri. They have two adult children, Zachary (26) and Alexa (24), and six months ago became grandparents for the first time welcoming their granddaughter, Teagan, to the family.

REMINDER • Stark Street Closure

A 500-foot long section of Stark Street between Troutdale Road and 257th will be closed for four to six months during construction of a new culvert. The closure could begin as soon as late May 2017. There will be a detour around the work zone utilizing Cochran Road. All north side driveways to Mt. Hood Community College will remain open during construction.

For more information, go to:

<https://multco.us/roads/webform/stark-street-culvert-replacement>

Hello Troutdale!

by Mayor Casey Ryan

Well, we made it through the winter and what a winter it was! This winter proved to me that to live in Troutdale you have to be a strong person. The winds blow hard and are bitter cold, the roads are icy and the days are short. But, as we approach warmer and longer days, and the flowers start to bloom, it makes living through the winter worth it. I wanted to take this time to thank all of you who have chosen to make Troutdale your home. In this fast-paced world we live in it is nice to live in a place that moves just a little bit slower.

The first few months of 2017 have started off well. Your City Council has created a positive working environment and we are functioning well as a team. I am pleased that we hired Ray Young as our full-time city manager. Ray comes to the city with years of East Multnomah County history and years of serving as the city's municipal judge. We could not have asked for a finer person to lead our city.

As I talk to other mayors and councilors from various cities, they are envious of the great things that Troutdale has to offer.



We, as a community, have been blessed with stunning scenery, access to many hiking trails and waterfalls, a wonderful downtown full of locally-owned small businesses and many parks. I hope that this upcoming spring and summer brings many great moments for you and your family.

Thank you for choosing to make Troutdale your home! Please feel free to reach out to me any time by email at casey.ryan@troutdaleoregon.gov, or call me at 503-512-0545.

Does Your Organization Have a Community Enhancement Project?

New funding assistance may be available!

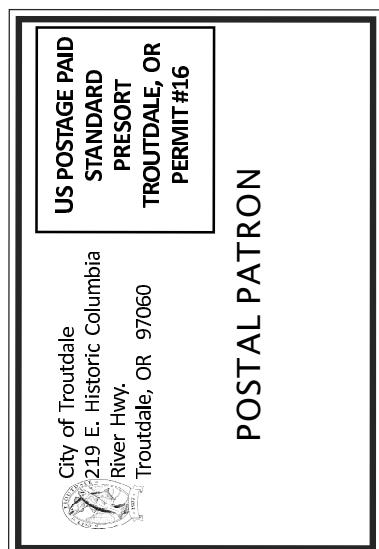
The Troutdale Community Enhancement Program is now accepting applications for project grants.

The Troutdale Community Enhancement Program has funds available for homeowner associations, City advisory committees, service clubs, schools, and other community non-profit groups, for enhancement projects that will make improvements throughout the City. Funds are available from

a per-ton fee charged by Metro regional government on solid-waste transfer stations located in communities throughout the greater Portland region, to help mitigate the impact on the local host community.

Grant applications are now available online to help your group fund an enhancement project beginning July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018. Projects applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on May 31, 2017. Enhancement Projects need to be within City boundaries and meet one or

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Here are a few examples of enhancement projects funded in other communities: Healthy Meals for Homebound Seniors, Graffiti Abatement, Community Garden Sustaining Resources, Early Childhood Education, Information Center, Building Permit Fees for Low Income Housing, Summer Stock Theatre Program for Youth, Shredding Day, Equipment for Enhanced Ecological Education, and Collaborative Cultural Enhancement. See more on our website!

For full details, go to our website for an application at www.troutdaleoregon.gov, or email info@troutdaleoregon.gov.



Imagination Station II

The Parks Department is excited to report that we received a total of 11 proposals for the replacement of Imagination Station. The process has been lengthy, with numerous public meetings and lots of enthusiasm, but with the input of Staff, the Parks Advisory Committee and City Council, we've finally narrowed it down to a few top contenders. We expect a Council decision by the end of May and are looking forward to getting started on this very exciting project!

Timeline

- March 31st - Requests for Proposals submitted
- April 12th – First review by the PAC
- May 10th - Final review by the PAC; Recommendation to City Council
- May 23rd - Presentation of PAC Recommendations to the City Council
- June - Awarding of contract, finalization of design and ordering of playground components
- September – Delivery of equipment and construction to begin

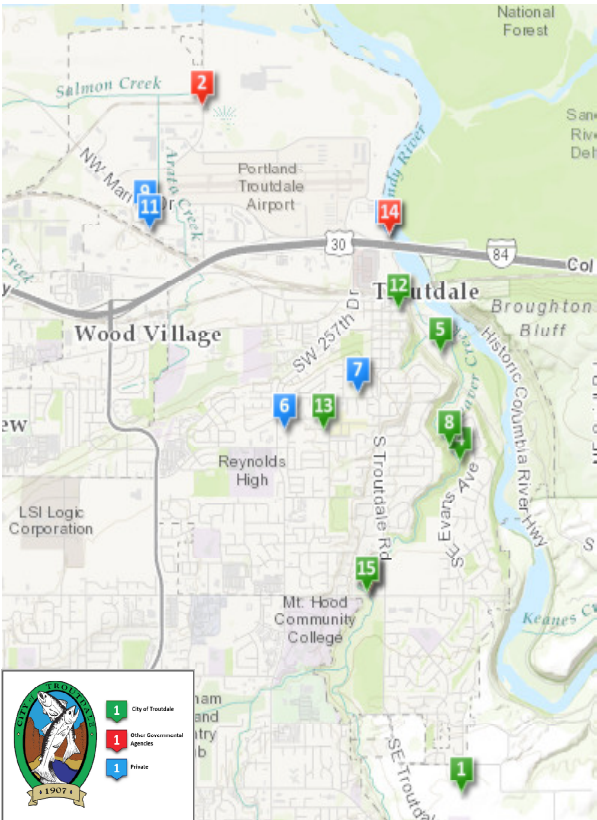
For more information on all the proposals, please check out our link on the City's website; <http://www.ci.troutdale.or.us/parks-facilities/imaginationstationrestoration.html>

Update Downtown Parking Lot

Following the construction of the new Troutdale Police Community Center at 234 SW Kendall Court, the former Police Department building at 141 SE Dora Avenue was demolished in the summer of 2013. Since that time, the property has been in a temporary use status as an under-improved public parking lot while the City determined the long-term fate of the property and obtained an access variance from the County for its dual-street access. After much consideration and discussion, the City Council determined to continue its usage as a public parking lot and to complete improvements necessary to bring the parking lot up to current standards for long-term use. This project will re-grade, repave and restripe the parking lot, as well as add stormwater quality treatment, landscaping, lighting, retaining wall, ADA parking and planters to bring the parking lot up to current development code standards and enhance its usability for the public. This project is currently on hold pending completion of a downtown parking study. The study is expected to be completed in 2017.

For questions or comments regarding this project, contact Public Works Director Steve Gaschler at 503-674-7239.

Curious about that Construction?



Have you crawled out of your winter hibernation cave, rubbed your eyes and noticed construction is starting to pick up in our little city? Now you can find out what's going on down the street by using the Public Works [interactive "Current Projects" map](#). Navigating the web map you can identify both private and public development projects. This can include anything from a builder's residential development to a City funded infrastructure project. For more information visit Public Work Geographic Information Systems (GIS) interactive maps. As this website is in the process of being built out, it does not include every development currently underway, but please check in regularly for updates.

To find the Current Projects map and information, go to our website at www.troutdaleoregon.gov → Public Works → Current Projects.

National
Public
Works
Week is
May 21-27



This year National Public Works Week celebrates the vital role public works plays in connecting us all together. As the cornerstone of civilization, public works provides, maintains, and improves the structures and services that assure a higher quality of life for our communities. Its streets, roads, bridges, and public transportation keep us linked together from coast to coast, and its clean water and sanitation services keep us healthy and allow our communities to grow and prosper. The City of Troutdale proudly salutes and thanks the public works men and women who work tirelessly 24/7 to strengthen the bond that keeps us all connected.

If You Plan to Hit "The Sandy" on the First Hot Day

AMR lifeguards at Glenn Otto Park return, starting Memorial Day through Labor Day

People packing coolers along Historic Columbia River Highway, and slow, heavy traffic all the way to Glenn Otto Park. Destination? The Sandy River, of course. Before you swim, be aware that the Sandy in spring and early summer can be particularly treacherous. Justine Kilsby, AMR River Rescue Program Coordinator, describes the river conditions early in the season: "It's important to remember that our smaller rivers can rise quite a bit with rain, and very quickly. River height can change by a foot in as little as an hour. This year, there's quite a bit more water than most summertime visitors will remember – and more water means that it will have faster currents. Water temperatures are currently in the mid-forties Fahrenheit, which is not something people will want to swim in without wetsuits. In comparison the ocean at Lincoln City is currently in the low fifties Fahrenheit!"



From Memorial Day through Labor Day, American Medical Response (AMR) River Safety Program will provide two lifeguards at the Sandy River (Glenn Otto Park) from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. Lifejackets are available for rent.

Explore the Benefits of Gardening with Native Plants

Free Workshop on May 20

Get to know common native plant communities, see examples of species that do well in similar growing conditions, get successful planting tips that will help them thrive, and more! A native plant slideshow will highlight characteristics and desired growing conditions of many local favorite native groundcovers, shrubs and trees. You'll walk away with loads of information so you can decide which native plants will work well in your yard.

This workshop is free, however space is limited. Pre-registration is required and can be completed online at: <http://emswcd.org/workshops-and-events/upcoming-workshops/all-events/native-plant-workshop-37/>. For questions, call 503-222-7645.



Above, *Ribes Sanguineum*, aka the Red Flowering Currant - a large, easy-to-grow deciduous shrub that's popular in our area.





Hiking Tips from the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office "Green Hornets"

The Multnomah County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) Green Hornet Wilderness Law Enforcement Services and Trail Rescue Team (Green Hornets) is a small team of Law Enforcement Division members who are physically fit endurance athletes experienced with hiking, trail running and advanced search and rescue skills. The Green Hornets were designed to be an on-call resource to augment the MCSO Search and Rescue Unit in "hasty" trail searches for lost/missing/injured hikers in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area as well as other wilderness areas frequented by local citizens and tourists. The Green Hornets also provide an additional patrol resource at major trailhead parking areas and educate hikers with tips on how to enjoy their visit to scenic areas while having the least amount of risk. Some of these tips include:

- **Have a plan:** Before you set out on your hike, make sure to notify someone of your destination, timeline, and make a plan in case you don't return at your expected time.
- **Stay on the trail:** Forests in this region are very dense, thick overgrowth can mask dangerously steep drop-offs, and it is easy to become disoriented.
- **Stay together:** Keep track of each other; regroup periodically, especially near junctions; and monitor each other's condition for dehydration, hypothermia and fatigue.
- **Avoid undue risks:** Climbing waterfalls and following narrow ridgelines or gulches off the trail can place you in danger. Rock climbing is extremely dangerous and has resulted in fatal accidents...don't take the chance.
- **Monitor the weather:** When hiking into valleys or crossing streams, be mindful of rain conditions along the mountain top or ridges that can suddenly raise the water level. Use extreme caution if attempting to cross a swollen stream...rushing water is very powerful. It is better to find an alternative route, or wait until the water subsides.
- **Watch the time:** Getting a late start increases the possibility of getting caught in the dark. Know your turnaround time and stick to it.
- **When might you need emergency assistance?** When an injury or illness prevents walking; when extremely bad weather hits; when it's too dark to see; when you're extremely fatigued or dehydrated; when you're disoriented or lost; or when you're stranded, scared and unable to move.
- **Call 9-1-1:** Ask for the Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue Unit. Tell them which trail you're on and what happened.
- **Be visible:** Wear brightly colored clothing and carry a flashlight in case you are out after dark.
- **Be noisy:** Use a whistle to attract attention.
- **Stay calm:** Objectively assess your situation before making any decision. Stay calm and positive.
- **Stay put:** You will be found more quickly and reduce the chances of getting into further trouble, especially after dark, by staying in one place.
- **Stay warm:** Wind and rain can drain your body of warmth, and be life-threatening. Get out of the wind and use your rain gear or extra clothes to stay warm.

We hope that everyone has a safe and enjoyable experience exploring some of our nation's most beautiful, wild and scenic locations offered in Troutdale's own backyard - the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. This spring and summer, look for the Green Hornets to be training at recreation areas near you. If you have questions about this or other Sheriff's Office programs, please contact Chief of Police (Commander) Monte Reiser at monte.reiser@mcsos.us, or call 503-988-0352.

Out in the Parks ..with Tim Seery

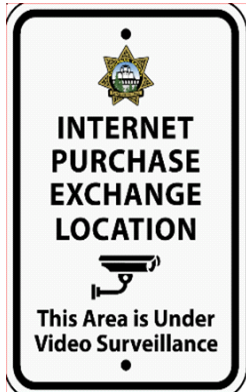
With spring in the air and the daylight increasing you will find that, yes, your grass is getting even longer. Now is a great time to sharpen that blade and get ready to enjoy another season in the yard. The joys of yard work are so beneficial to bodies and minds – it helps keep us young and active. It is a good time to thatch and rake your yard, allowing space for the new grass to emerge. A heavy layer of thatch does not allow sunlight to reach new starts and slowly chokes the turf.

So get out of your easy chair, put on your yard shoes and enjoy your lawn. And until next time, go forth and Make Troutdale Green Again.



If you buy or sell goods online, read this

There's now a safe area in Troutdale to exchange your packages



The Multnomah County Sheriff's Office (MCSO), Troutdale Public Safety Advisory Committee and the City of Troutdale now provide a safe place to sell or buy your online sales items. There is an "Internet Purchase Exchange" location at the MCSO/Troutdale Police Community Center located at 234 SW Kendall Court. Look for the sign (at left) in the public parking lot area of the Center.

With the location being in such close proximity to the police station, access to law enforcement is available 24/7. You can now make your exchange in a protected environment - right here in Troutdale.



"I meant to sign up for that Summer Camp..."

You received the Spring & Summer Recreation Guide in early April and maybe thought 'I'd sure like to sign my child up for that camp'. Now would be a good time to do so. You never know when a camp might fill up, so don't miss out!

There are a number of new offerings for youth: Wilderness Survival Camp for ages 9-13, Qi Gong classes for

ages 10-14, and a Youth Volunteer Program for ages 12-15. Plus an important returning program: Youth Internet Safety for ages 10-17. There are many other programs for all ages including younger youth and adults.

For more detailed information and to register, go to www.troutdaleoregon.gov. You can also find us at www.facebook.com. **Registration is Online Only.**

Email Mollie King, Recreation Manager at mollie.king@troutdaleoregon.gov or call 503-674-7206 with any questions or comments.

Scholarships are available for Troutdale residents and we also accept donations for the scholarship fund.

45th Annual SummerFest • July 22nd

Parade, Vendor Applications Now Available

Application deadline June 30th

We invite you to participate in the 45th Annual Troutdale SummerFest, a street party *Celebrating Community!* Thousands of visitors will enjoy this family-friendly event that includes activities and entertainment for everyone!

Parade Participants include marching bands, community groups and floats! The parade takes place in downtown Troutdale and leads to Glenn Otto Park where a variety of vendors, great music and scrumptious food will be available.

Vendors in Glenn Otto Park will offer food, music, creative wares, fun booths, plus family-friendly activities such as pony rides, mini-golf, dunk tank, balloon art, face painting, Farm Funland, Buccaneer Pirate Ship, and Archery Hover Ball.



Applications are available on our website or at our office: Please hand deliver or mail the **application by June 30th, 2017.**
Office location: 107 E. Historic Columbia River Highway, Troutdale
Mailing address: PO Box 245, Troutdale, OR 97060
Website: www.westcolumbiagorgechamber.com/troutdale-summerfest

Just in time for summer...

Learn Water Rescue and Lifesaving Skills

Free instruction May 20

Benjamin Klopp is a young man on a mission – to educate youth and adults about water safety and lifesaving skills. As a current Boy Scout in Troop #174, he is aiming for Eagle Scout status, and his final project will be to create, organize and oversee a course in lifesaving skills – open to the public – at the pool at Reynolds Swim Center on Saturday, May 20. The event is from 2-5 p.m. and will feature six separate stations where participants can learn first aid water rescue skills in all kinds of circumstances. Gresham Emergency and Fire Services will have a station in the parking lot where you can try on safety equipment and see how it works in real-life situations.

Assisting Mr. Klopp in training attendees will be the scout leaders, the scouts of troops #174 and #286, and local community lifeguards. This water rescue training is free of charge and just in time for the summer season. **Those under age 17 must be accompanied by an adult.** Reynolds Swim Center is located at 1200 NE 201st Avenue in Fairview. Questions? Call 503-492-8244, or email bklopp03@gmail.com



Spring Cleanup Event (Continued from Page 1)



Extra Curbside Garbage Collection

When: Wednesday, May 3, **by 6 a.m.**
What to Know: Residents can leave up to five extra bags of non-hazardous household garbage at the curb on the regularly scheduled Wednesday pick-up. No yard debris please! Waste Management will collect the bags FREE of charge.



Electronic Recycling Event

When: Saturday, May 6 • 9 a.m.– Noon
Where: Glenn Otto Park
What to Know: Do you have old TVs or broken printers collecting dust in your basement? De-clutter your home at a special Oregon E-Cycles event on Saturday, May 6. You can drop off the following items free of charge (**NO OTHER ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED**): Computers, televisions, monitors, printers, keyboards and mice.

Yard Debris Drop-off

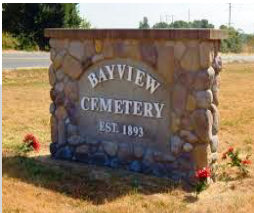
When: Saturday, May 6, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Where: Allwood Recyclers, Inc. 23001 NE Marine Drive, Fairview
What to Know: Troutdale residents may dump up to 2 cubic yards of yard debris for FREE. No dirt, sod, rock or concrete please!

YOU MUST PRESENT THIS COUPON TO RECEIVE FREE DISPOSAL!



Community Enhancement Project (Continued from Page 1))

more of the following goals: Improve the appearance or environmental quality of the community; reduce the amount or toxicity of waste; increase reuse and recycling opportunities; result in rehabilitation or upgrade of real or personal property owned or operated by a non-profit organization having 501(c) status under the Internal Revenue Code; result in the preservation or enhancement of wildlife, riparian zones, wetlands, forest lands and marine areas, and/or improve the public awareness and the opportunities to enjoy them; result in improvement to, or an increase in, recreational areas and programs; result in improvement in safety; benefit youth, seniors, low income persons or underserved populations; or, enhance art and culture within the City.



Bayview Cemetery in Columbia County

THS Annual Cemetery Tour May 20th

For two decades, Troutdale Historical Society (THS) members have undertaken (sorry) an annual graveyard tour under the leadership of cemetery historian Stan Clarke.

This year’s tour is May 20th, a day-long bus trip to Columbia County to see five historic cemeteries as well as sites along the way.

We pack a picnic lunch and go rain or shine. The tour departs from Glenn Otto Community Park at 8:30 a.m. and returns to Troutdale about 4 p.m. Price is \$25 per person. Call Troutdale Historical Society at 503-661-2164 to secure your reservation.

City Calendar

May

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Extra Garbage Collection/Curbside
(See Page 3 for details)

5
First Friday Art Walk, 5-8 p.m.
Downtown, Historic Columbia River Hwy., 503-491-8407

6
The Big Spring Cleanup Event
(List of events, times on pages 1,4)

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40th Annual Troutdale Trot / Walk
(see article this page)

13
Hazardous Waste Collection Event, 9-2 p.m., Mt. Hood Community College, Parking Lot N / 26000 SE Stark Street
Questions? 503-234-3000

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Native Plants – Free Workshop
(See article Page 2)

20
Annual Cemetery Tour With Stan Clarke
Reservations required - \$25
Presented by Troutdale Historical Society, (See article this page)

20
Water Rescue & Lifesaving Skills, 2 – 5 p.m. (see article Page 3)

29
Memorial Day
All City Offices Closed, Call 9-1-1 for Police or Fire emergency; call 503-251-4163 for water/sewer emergency

30
History Night: A Global History of the Cascade Hop, 6:30 p.m., Presented by Peter A. Kopp, Asst. Professor of History at New Mexico State University, and author of Hoptopia: A World of Agriculture and Beer in Oregon’s Willamette Valley, Blackberry Hall, Edgefield / 2126 SW Halsey, Doors open 5:00 / Program at 6:30

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Community Enhancement Grant Applications Due, by 5 p.m.
(See Page 1 for details)

June

2
First Friday Art Walk, 5-8 p.m.
Downtown, Historic Columbia River Hwy. 503-491-8407

21
Visionary Park Dedication and Devoted Passion Monument, 6:30 p.m., Corner Hist. Columbia River Hwy./Jackson Park Road, 503-661-2164

27
Buzz and Amos: Two Oregonians Who Changed River Running History in the Grand Canyon, Presented by Vince Welch, author and former river guide, Blackberry Hall, Edgefield / 2126 SW Halsey, Doors open 5:00 / Program at 6:30 – arrive early!

40 Years of the Troutdale Trot

Saturday, May 13th

Help the Troutdale Lions Club celebrate a milestone anniversary!

With four great events, the Troutdale Trot offers something for every age! Events start at 8 a.m. at Glenn Otto Park. Register online at www.active.com, and type “Troutdale Trot” in the Search box. Watch for details at facebook.com/TroutdaleTrot. Volunteers are also needed! Please email Jon Brown, Lions Club President, at jbc58@yahoo.com



Young runners prepare for take-off in the Miracle Mile Run. Photo courtesy of Troutdale Lions Club

Problems with your neighbor?

Take advantage of this free service



EAST METRO MEDIATION

Are you enjoying spring? If you’re in a dispute with a neighbor, landlord or tenant, businesses or consumer, etc., you may not be. Contact East Metro Mediation to help you resolve your conflict and get you back to enjoying your spring. Visit www.greshamoregon.gov/mediation for more information.

Outdoor Burning

Troutdale residents are allowed to burn yard debris until June 15 following DEQ regulations. Please visit www.GreshamOregon.gov/burning for more information, and call the burn line for the allowable burn hours each day before you burn: 503-618-3083.

City Meetings

City Council Regular Meetings

City Hall, Lower Level - 7 P.M.
May 9, May 23
June 13, June 27

View Council meetings live on Comcast Channel 30 or Frontier Channel 38 at 7 p.m.; rebroadcasts are Fridays at 4 p.m. and Sunday at 9 p.m.

Planning Commission

City Hall, Lower Level - 7 P.M.
May 17, June 21

Parks Advisory Committee

Police Facility Community Room - 7 P.M.
May 10, June 14

Citizens Advisory Committee

City Hall, Lower Level - 7 P.M.
May 3, June 7

Public Safety Advisory Committee

Police Facility Community Room - 7 P.M.
Meetings are suspended until further notice

Historic Landmarks Commission

City Hall, Lower Level - 7 P.M.
Please call for future dates: 503-674-7262

Find meeting agendas, Council packets and audio/video of Council meetings at www.troutdaleoregon.gov

Call Us

Building Inspection Request	503-674-7204
Building Permits	503-674-7229
Building/Parks Rentals	503-674-7297
Business Licensing	503-665-5175
Code Enforcement	503-491-4009
Fire Department (Gresham)	503-618-2355
Mayor & Council	503-674-7258
Municipal Court	503-665-5175
Police & Fire	
Non-Emergency Dispatch	503-823-3333
Parks Department	503-674-7227
Planning/Zoning	503-674-7262
Multnomah County Sheriff’s Office (MCSO)	
MCSO Business Office	503-988-7300
MCSO Records	503-988-7300
(press ‘0’ for Police Records)	
Public Works (Wastewater)	503-666-8377
Public Works (Water & Streets)	503-674-3300
Recreation Program	503-674-7206
Water/Sewer Billing Questions	503-674-7232
Water/Sewer Open/Close Acct.	503-674-7225

Addresses

City Hall - 219 E. Historic Columbia River Highway
Council Chambers - 217 E. Historic Columbia River Hwy, Lower Level
Multnomah County Sheriff’s Office (MCSO)/Troutdale Police Community Center - 234 SW Kendall Court
Public Works - 342 SW 4th St.
Building/Planning - 2200 SW 18th Way
Parks & Facilities - 2200 SW 18th Way
Water Pollution Control Facility - 1820 NW Graham Rd.
City Conference Building (CCB) - 223 S. Buxton Road
Glenn Otto Park - 1106 E. Historic Columbia River Hwy.